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## CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

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## Must be the season of debates

POLITICS

**Hopefuls and  
incumbents to  
address issues  
in series of talks**



**Stephanie  
Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

More than a month into Canada's federal election, local candidates eyeing seats will be talking policy in a series of debates in Halifax.

Three debates have so far been confirmed for the Halifax riding candidates, including a debate on seniors' issues and student issues, scheduled for Sept. 26 and Sept. 28, respectively.

A debate on the economy and jobs is currently still in the

works, but launching the string of all-candidates' debates will be one on women's rights and gender equality hosted by YWCA Halifax on Thursday.

"We've been canvassing in the riding for months now, and we've been hearing people ask, 'When's the first candidates debate?'" said Liberal candidate Andy on Wednesday.

Fillmore, along with the Green Party's MP hopeful Thomas Trappenberg and incumbent NDP MP Megan Leslie, will be participating in the debate. Conservative candidate Irvine Carvery has declined.

Compared to national debates that tend to have a general focus, Leslie said local debates are typically more issue-specific, largely due to the fact that community groups host them with a vested interest in a particular subject.



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# Building trade grads set to bail

## LABOUR

**600 of 1,100 plan to leave province: Study**



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

More than half of students learning construction trades in Nova Scotia plan to leave the province upon graduation.

That's one of the findings of the Nova Scotia 2015 Labour Market Assessment released Wednesday, put together through surveys of students, workers and employers in the construction industry.

The survey spoke to just over 500 students, and 51 per cent of them said they'd be moving after graduation.

"About 1,100 graduate from the community college every year; 600 are planning to go somewhere else," said Trent Soholt, executive director of the Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council, after an announcement at the Nova Centre construction site Wednesday morning.

Soholt said the solution to the problem is education.

"It's going to be all about awareness, and that's really what the report told industry: We need to do a better job of letting the individuals know where the opportunities exist and what reason-



**Trent Soholt, executive director of the Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council, speaks at the Nova Centre construction site in Halifax Wednesday about the Nova Scotia 2015 Labour Market Assessment.** ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

**We're not hearing an outcry about a huge labour shortage, but it's something we keep an eye on.**

Duncan Williams, president of the Construction Association of Nova Scotia

able expectations are in the industry," he said.

Duncan Williams, president of Construction Association

of Nova Scotia, agrees.

He said students and their parents have an inflated sense of greener pastures in places

like Alberta, where work appears plentiful and wages seem infinitely higher.

"I think we need to find a healthy balance between what we are putting out for consumption for parents, for educators and for students so that their decisions are well informed and it's not just based on a wage, or a perceived wage gap," he said.

While Williams acknowledges the loss of young people is "a concern for Nova Scotia in general," he said there is no labour shortage in the province, per se.

The government apparently isn't worried either.

Marjorie Davison, CEO of the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency, said the government is focused on exposing

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The number not in trades/unemployed

young people to the trades and making sure workers receive their training in Nova Scotia.

If workers leave after their apprenticeships, Davison said that's fine.

"It's not a bad thing to have a mobile work force. That's good for Canada, it's good for our competitiveness as a country," she said. "We want to keep people here, but we have to recognize that some careers are mobile."

Davison said the key is to make sure workers feel at home in Nova Scotia so that they'll come back when there is work.

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## ARREST

## Police nab alleged purse snatcher

Halifax police say they arrested a 36-year-old man Tuesday night after he stole a woman's purse.

At about 10:40 p.m. on Morris Street, an 18-year-old woman walking with a friend was approached by two men, and one of them grabbed her purse and ran off.

The victim called police immediately, and about 15 minutes later, they were called to an incident on near-Wellington Street.

One of the men there fit

the description of the purse thief and was arrested at the scene.

He's been charged with theft, possession of stolen property and breach of probation, and was released on a promise to appear in court at a later date.

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### + VICTIM STATUS

The victim was not injured.

## SYDNEY

## Knife-wielding man robs Wendy's outlet

An armed man forced his way into a Wendy's Restaurant in Nova Scotia and left with an undisclosed amount of money.

Cape Breton Regional Police Service responded to the robbery at 12:56 a.m. and learned that a lone male suspect entered through a rear door to the restaurant on Wellington Street in Sydney.

An employee of Wendy's was putting garbage out when the suspect threatened the employee with a knife and demanded to be let inside.

There were six employees

working inside the restaurant when the suspect entered but no customers. None of the employees were injured but were all threatened during the incident.

The suspect in the robbery is described as white male with facial hair. He was wearing a grey hooded sweater and track pants with white stripes on the side.

Members of the K-9 Unit and the Forensic Identification Unit were dispatched to the scene and the investigation is ongoing.

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## THEFT

## Officers search for stolen boat, trailer

RCMP are asking for the public's help in finding a boat and trailer stolen from the Enfield area.

In the early morning hours of June 3, Enfield RCMP said suspects entered businesses in the Elmsdale Business Park where several items were stolen.

A variety of items including a 12-foot aluminum Lowe boat, a 9.9 HP Mercury outboard motor, and trailer were all taken.

### + CALL FOR TIPS

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Elmsdale RCMP at 902-883-7077 or Crime Stoppers.

According to a release, RCMP said a black Ford F-250 with roof lights is associated with the theft.

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### IN BRIEF

**Missing Bedford man found**  
Halifax police say a missing Bedford man has been found.

Christian Jocelyn Fontana, 39, was reported missing on August 28 after he

was last seen leaving his Dartmouth Road home that morning.

On Wednesday, Halifax Regional Police said Fontana has been found safe and sound. METRO



Taylor Samson was first reported missing in Halifax, but police quickly laid murder charges in the case. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Family, friends gather to remember Samson

## MEMORIAL

## Private event celebrates life of slain Dal student

People gathered at a funeral home in a small community on Nova Scotia's south coast on Wednesday to remember a university student who police say was killed last month inside

a Halifax apartment.

Friends and family members filled the home to pay tribute at the private service to Taylor Samson, a 22-year-old physics student who disappeared Aug. 15 and whose remains have not been found.

William Sandeson, a 22-year-old varsity track athlete who was about to start classes at Dalhousie's medical school, was charged with first-degree murder on Aug. 20, four days after Samson was reported missing.

Sandeson appeared in court last week and his lawyer said his client will seek bail and intends to enter a not guilty plea.

The case was put over to Sept. 24 to give the defence time to get more disclosure from the Crown.

A search warrant document was obtained by three media outlets recently before it was sealed by a judge.

They reported that the document alleges Samson was involved in a drug deal involving

marijuana before his death.

Investigators subsequently searched two properties in Sandeson's hometown of Truro saying they discovered several items of interest.

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### + BACKGROUND

Wednesday's funeral for Taylor Samson was closed to the media.

## ACADIA UNIVERSITY

## Undergrad charged with sexual assault



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

A 21-year-old man has been charged in connection to an alleged sexual assault at Acadia University.

An RCMP spokesman said police received a complaint of sexual assault that happened at the university in Wolfville on Sept. 2 around 1 a.m.

Const. Mark Skinner said an investigation determined that a 21-year-old man had sexually

assaulted a 20-year-old woman. "I can tell you that it's not a random act," Skinner said when asked if the accused and victim were known to each other.

On Wednesday, a spokesperson from the university confirmed both the accused and victim are students at the school.

The accused was since arrested on Sept. 4 and appeared in Kentville provincial court on Monday to face a charge of sexual assault.

He has since been released on conditions and is due back in court on Oct. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

University spokesperson Scott Roberts said, "none of (conditions imposed) prevented the accused ... from continuing as a student."

He would not comment as to whether either the accused or victim was living on campus at the time of the incident.

"Any time sexual assault, sexual violence (happens), it is unacceptable," Roberts said Wednesday.

Skinner said the name of the accused would not be released, so to protect the identity of the victim.



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**ROYAL FAMILY CELEBRATION FIT FOR A QUEEN** Town crier Greg Fenwick delivers a proclamation during a noon-hour event at Grand Parade in Halifax on Wednesday to honour Queen Elizabeth II serving as the longest reigning monarch in Canadian history. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Liberals hold big lead in Nova Scotia

**POLL**  
**NDP firmly in second with 28 per cent support**



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Nova Scotia's Liberals continue to lead the way for voter support, according to the latest round of results from a local polling firm.

Corporate Research Associates Inc. released the results

## + ACCURACY

The survey said the overall accuracy of results are plus-or-minus 3.5 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

of their most recent Atlantic quarterly survey on Wednesday, which polled 802 adults in a telephone survey from Aug. 6 to Sept. 2.

The data shows support for Stephen McNeil's Liberals sitting at 50 per cent, which is unchanged from the last quarter in May.

Both the NDP and Progressive Conservative parties rose by one per cent in support, bringing them to 28 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively.

That is compared to the Green Party, which rests at two per cent, down one per cent since last quarter.

About 31 per cent of participants said they were undecided as to which party to support, with six per cent refusing to state a preference.

The survey also found that 54 per cent of people said they were satisfied with the performance of McNeil's government, which is compared to 50 per



**Stephen McNeil**  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

cent in May.

That is compared to results that found 36 per cent were dissatisfied, down from 41 per cent. Nine per cent did not have an opinion.

Support for Premier Stephen McNeil rose by two per cent to 37 per cent since the last quarter.

Meanwhile, support for PC leader Jamie Baillie fell from 18 per cent down to 12 per cent and NDP's interim leader Maureen MacDonald remains unchanged at 20 per cent.

## HARBOUR HOPPERS

# New vehicles wheelchair friendly



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

There are soon to be two new Harbour Hoppers roaming the city, and unlike the current amphibious vehicles, these ones will be fully accessible.

A Nova Scotia Utility and Re-

view Board decision released Wednesday allows a change to Murphy Sailing Tours Limited's Motor Carrier License that adds two new vehicles to its fleet.

Murphy's had applied to just add the vehicles, but after the application was posted, an objection was sent to the board from the James McGregor Stewart Society, an accessibility ad-

vocacy group.

The two parties came to an agreement on the application last month.

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## HOLLIS STREET

## Hey, downtown drivers: Stop and take notice of new signage

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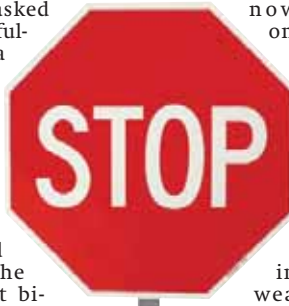
On Wednesday, a HRM release said a stop sign was installed on Hollis Street southbound at the intersection of Terminal Road, creating an all-way stop.

New pavement markings showing the new stopping area and correct turning movements are also in place.

Drivers, pedestrians and

cyclists are asked to travel carefully in the area for the next few weeks as all users get familiar with the new signage.

The new stop sign is being installed as part of the Hollis Street bicycle lane project,



now underway on Hollis below Cogswell Street and Terminal Road.

The bicycle lane is expected to be completed within the next two weeks according to the city, weather permitting. METRO

### TRAFFIC

#### Major milling delays for Bayers Road this weekend

Those residents who normally drive down Bayers Road in Halifax are in for significant traffic delays this weekend.

The city said in a release Wednesday that there will be traffic delays while crews finish asphalt milling on Bayers Road between Highway 102 and Connaught Avenue.

The work will begin at 6 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, and go until midnight. According to a release, crews will be working on both the inbound and outbound lanes, but only on one side of the road at a time. There will be lane drops in place and stop-and-go traffic throughout the weekend.

The release said the work also requires all traf-

fic signals in the work zone to be shut off as the milling equipment moves through the intersections.

Traffic control personnel will be on site to assist when the lights are out, the city said. Drivers should expect "long delays" while this work is underway, the release said, and are asked to use alternative routes when possible. METRO



Cape Breton Regional Police are seen at the scene of an accident outside Sydney Academy in February where Christopher Chafe died after being hit by a school bus. STAFF/CAPE BRETON POST

## Witness says deadly push not intended

### TESTIMONY TO POLICE

#### Teen who sent Chris Chafe to his death also didn't see bus

A teen who saw his friend killed after he was hit by a school bus outside a high school in Sydney, N.S., last winter told police in a videotaped statement that he didn't think the accused meant to do it.

The videotape testimony came on the second day of the trial of a 15-year-old boy charged with criminal negligence causing death.

In previous testimony, the witness said he didn't remember telling police after the incident that the 18-year-old victim, Chris Chafe, had asked what would happen if he was pushed in front of the bus.

He also said he couldn't remember being interviewed by police. Under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the boy cannot be identified.

In the video, the boy says a

group of teens were playing and pushing each other outside Sydney Academy on Feb. 11 when the incident happened.

"The boys were just hanging around pushing each other in the snowbanks just for fun," he tells the officer. "Chris Chafe, he jokingly said what would happen if you push me in front of the bus?"

He says on the video that Chafe made the statement about being pushed before he was shoved by the defendant, but adds the boy didn't mean to push Chafe over a snowbank and into the bus.

The witness told police he didn't think the defendant, who also cannot be identified, saw the bus coming because he was blocking the other teen's view.

"I don't think he saw the bus, honestly," he told the officer.

When asked questions about his videotaped interview by defence lawyer James Snow, the boy repeatedly replied that he didn't remember or said "I don't know."

Provincial court Judge Peter Ross ruled that the video would



**The boys were just hanging around pushing each other in the snowbanks just for fun.**

Boy who gave his testimony about the incident on video

not be entered as evidence because it conflicted with what the boy said in the witness box. The defence indicated that it would make a motion later to have the video entered as evidence.

On Tuesday, the boy told the court he saw the defendant use both hands to push Chafe in the upper chest before he fell over a small snowbank and into the street. When asked to describe the force of the push, he called it "a good push, a decent push."

Medical examiner Dr. Mar-nie Wood told the court on Wednesday that Chafe died of blunt force trauma to the head. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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### NOVA SCOTIA

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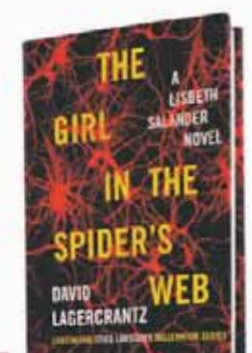
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# Art show inspired by books

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### Exhibition doubles as novel launch for author

**Aly Thomson**  
For Metro | Halifax

It's art that inspired art.

After writing his new novel *Limerence*, award-winning local author and journalist Jon Tattrie wanted a cover that truly represented his book.

He asked Dartmouth-based artist Nathan Klassen to create an original piece that would compel readers.

"It was just so sticky for me, so grippy. It captures the novel perfectly," said Tattrie of the cover in a recent interview at the Dart Gallery in Dartmouth.

Tattrie and Klassen's collaboration has inspired an entire exhibition of art pieces that were inspired by books.

*A Book By Its Cover* opens Thursday evening at The Dart Gallery, with the event doubling as a book launch for Tattrie's fifth novel *Limerence*.

"It's the idea of what else can art do. So you create a novel, but then that creates a work of art that becomes the cover, and that inspires a whole art show. There's a nice ripple effect," said Tattrie in the narrow art



Author Jon Tattrie, left, and artist Nathan Klassen stand in front of The Dart Gallery in Dartmouth. Klassen created the cover art for Tattrie's new work *Limerence*. ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

studio, the walls and shelves bursting with colour.

As written on the second page of his 270-page book, *Limerence* is defined as the addiction to falling in love. The cover depicts an abstract face of a woman, with broad brush strokes sweeping in

different directions. Her eyes are black and piercing, but her other facial features are more inconspicuous.

"It's an attractive lady, but you can only really make out certain features," said Klassen. "But as you detect those features, she dissipates. She

turns into an abstract. It's the idea of someone that's disappearing before your very eyes."

The dark thriller, Tattrie's first work of fiction in years, begins with a car crash in southern Manitoba.

A man is flung from the

car, and after going to seek help, he's never seen again. Months later, a man arrives in Halifax with no past and people begin to wonder if it's the same man who disappeared in Manitoba.

"Underneath that, it's an exploration of what it means

## + EVENT INFO

*A Book By Its Cover* opens Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Dart Gallery at 127A Portland Street. The show runs until Sept. 16.

to be a man today," said Tattrie, sitting next to Klassen on a small wooden pew inside the gallery.

"In the book you have one character who's a free-wheeling libertine who just wants to live that free bachelor lifestyle and the other is a stay at home dad. The two of them try to make sense of each other."

Klassen said his cover piece, titled *Those Eyes* — which employs several artistic styles including painting, drawing and photography — doesn't focus on a specific point in the book.

"I wanted to try to hit the theme and try and simplify it and make it as basic as possible," said Klassen, adding this was the first book cover he's ever created.

"And the theme that really struck me was the concept of love and the concept of falling in love with the idea of someone rather than falling in love with someone for who they actually are."

More than 20 artists have created pieces for the show, including Katy Jean with a piece inspired by *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger and Katie Hillman with art inspired by *Watership Down* by Richard Adams.

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# Councillor under fire for terrorist comment

## WEST HANTS

### Public outcry includes calls for resignation

A local MLA's presentation to council was overshadowed Tuesday night when a West Hants councillor made reference to al-Qaida and the Windsor Fire Department.

West Hants MLA Chuck Porter spoke on the topic of regional fire services and implored council to consider inviting the fire department to be part of talks once more. He said he hoped, going forward, the two parties could find a way to work together.

When councillors had a chance to make comments on Porter's presentation, Coun. Randy Matheson was

the first to speak.

"I hope time heals but what you're asking us to do is to invite the Windsor Fire Department back to the table, a group that is actively trying to sabotage our efforts," he said. "And it's like inviting al-Qaida to an anti-terrorist task force."

The social media outcry was swift, including calls for his resignation.

The Municipality of West Hants and the WFD were involved in a bitter contract dispute for about six years. That dispute ended in August when West Hants council voted to sever

ties with the Windsor Fire Department and create their own fire service. In response, the WFD's membership voted to stop serving the municipality Oct. 23.

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**It's like inviting al-Qaida to an anti-terrorist task force.**

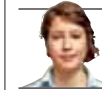
Coun. Randy Matheson



Coun. Randy Matheson is in hot water for comments he made at a council meeting Monday. TC MEDIA

## BROOKSIDE JUNIOR HIGH

### School reopens as mould removed



Stephanie Taylor  
Metro | Halifax

#### + WHY?

**Mould caused by a number of factors**  
Doug Hadley explained Wednesday there is no one cause behind the mould.

The humid weather and the building's age were two of many factors.

Also of note, the school's ventilation system had not been shut off for summer.

Brookside Junior High will open its doors Thursday to dozens of students and teachers who had been displaced by the discovery of mould at the school, a week before the first day of classes.

On Wednesday, Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley confirmed officials had received the go-ahead to reopen the school on Thursday as planned.

Hadley said there was mould found throughout the first and second floors of the building when staff returned from vacation on Aug. 24, resulting in a postponed opening.

"Since that time we've been working to remediate all of the mould," Hadley explained, adding extensive cleaning was then required, followed by a few days needed to reassemble classrooms.

"It's just been a long pro-

cess of getting the school ready."

He said removing the mould took many hours, involving outside crews and staff from both the school and school board.

Monetary cost is not yet known; Hadley said that would be calculated in the coming weeks.

"Our focus until now has been getting the school ready as quickly as possible."



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# Tory supporter plays down deaths, heckles reporters

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Political Fallout

## Event turns sour as Harper responds to burning issues

A Conservative supporter at a Stephen Harper campaign event heckled a reporter Wednesday who was asking about the government's handling of the Syrian refugee crisis.

The government's response of the crisis is now front and centre in the federal election campaign.

The catcalls came in Welland, Ont., as the Conservative leader was taking questions from journalists, almost a week after the world was riveted by the image of a dead Syrian toddler on a Turkish beach.

A low, collective groan was heard in the crowd before a lone voice was heard to say: "How many kids drowned in pools in Canada this past summer? Do you blame the government for that?"

Three-year-old Alan Kurdi drowned along with his five-year-old brother Ghalib and

### + BACKGROUND

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau noted on Wednesday the government of his father, Pierre, did not let security concerns prevent him from "welcoming in thousands upon thousands of Ismaili refugees fleeing Idi Amin in Uganda" in the 1970s.



Stephen Harper speaks during a question-and-answer session with the Chamber of Commerce during a campaign stop in Welland, Ont., on Wednesday.

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their mother, Rehanna, in their unsuccessful attempt to find sanctuary in Greece.

Harper tried to keep his daily question and answer session with journalists from going off the rails.

"OK, go ahead," he told the reporter, an awkward smile on his face, as the heckler kept speaking. "OK, OK. Go ahead."

The prime minister is under pressure to admit more refugees, and Harper said he will — but while taking care to avoid allowing terrorists from a war zone into Canada.

"This government is committed to acting, committed to bringing more people in, committed to expediting the

**We are talking about a terrorist war zone a lot of people are coming from. We will make sure we are also protecting Canadians from the security risk.**

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper

process. And frankly, I said this before this was in the headlines earlier in this campaign," he said.

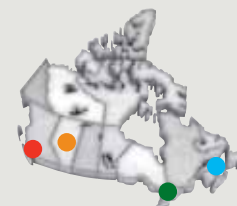
It wasn't the first time that hecklers have taken issue — not with Harper, but the questions he's been asked. The incident knocked Harper off message, just as it did in August when Conservative supporters heckled

reporters asking questions about the Mike Duffy fraud trial.

Prior to the incident, Harper spent almost an hour talking expansively about the economy in a controlled question-and-answer session with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Harper, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair were all campaigning in

**ELECTIONS 2015**



The Federal Leaders are expected to be in the following locations Thursday:

- **Stephen Harper** will be in New Annan, P.E.I.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Vancouver.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Winnipeg and Edmonton.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Toronto.

Ontario on Wednesday, where the fate of the province's ailing manufacturing sector is a key issue.

Harper was responding to an earlier attack by Trudeau on Wednesday.

The Liberal leader invoked examples dating back more than a century, when Canadians helped people fleeing Europe, Africa and Asia.

"Quite frankly, security concerns didn't stop Wilfrid Laurier from bringing in record numbers of Ukrainians," Trudeau told supporters in Toronto.

"Louis St. Laurent didn't let security concerns stop him from welcoming — at the height of the Cold War — tens upon tens of thousands of Hungarian refugees." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## HARDSHIP Refugee remains 'in limbo'

Hussein Rahim had already lost his cousin and uncle — one shot dead, the other missing — when he was arrested by military forces during a protest in his native Syria.

His family paid thousands of dollars for his release, but fear of being detained again as the unrest turned to armed conflict prompted him to seek asylum in Canada, he said in a recent interview.

Rahim thought his ordeal was over when he finally set foot in Toronto's Pearson International Airport in 2012, carrying a Greek passport he'd purchased in Turkey.

But three years later, the 35-year-old said he remains in limbo, his case unheard and his fate uncertain.

Worldwide attention has focused on the plight of Syrian refugees fleeing the war-torn country. Some have family members living abroad who are trying to sponsor from afar; others, like Rahim, take matters into their own hands. Either way is a difficult process.

Detained on arrival in Toronto for more than three weeks, Rahim said he was seen and freed by officials only after threatening to go on hunger strike.

But he has yet to be granted a hearing on his application, or even on an interim petition that would allow him to visit his ailing mother in Turkey, he said.

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**I left the country because God knows what was going to happen if I stayed there.**

Hussein Rahim

### CALGARY

## Bakery guest leaves \$525 tip, by accident

The staff at a Calgary bakery may have been flattered but were mostly worried on the weekend when a customer using a debit machine bought \$49 worth of baked goods and left a whopping \$525 tip.

Workers at the Sidewalk Citizen didn't notice the generous gratuity until they were cashing out at the end of the day.

They suspected it might have been an error, so they held onto the money, hoping the custom-

er would come back to claim it.

They also contacted the Royal Bank, which managed to contact the customer and determine that it was indeed a misunderstanding.

Customer Pat Benedict — who returned to the bakery for her refund on Tuesday — said she's grateful for the vigilance of the bakery staff.

"Somebody is looking after me, I'd say. It makes me feel good." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Canadian couple watches home robbery via web cam

A Canadian couple watched via web cam as a man broke into their Florida vacation home on Fort Myers Beach before turning the video over to authorities.

The surveillance tape helped Lee County sheriff's deputies arrest 45-year-old Thomas Hinton on Sunday, the day after the burglary.

He's charged with burglary and grand theft and was jailed on \$160,000 bond. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### SOCIAL MEDIA

## Senior NDP aide sorry for tweets

New Democrat Leader Tom Mulcair said Wednesday that he had no plans to fire his most senior communications aide for tweeting offensive anti-Roman Catholic comments.

At an event in Niagara Falls, Ont., a grim-faced Mulcair stood resolutely by Shawn Dearn, whose two-year-old tweets resurfaced late Tuesday.

"He felt very bad about it and I'm more than willing to move on from that," Mulcair said.

"He's made a mistake and he has apologized for it. For me, that's enough."

The tweets by Dearn, hired in February as Mulcair's director of communications, were quickly circulated on social media.

"Memo to CBC and all media," one of them reads. "Stop calling the misogynist, homophobic, child-molesting Catholic church a 'moral authority.' It's not."

Dearn, who is married to a man, also took aim at Pope Benedict for saying Britain's human rights policy on gay equality violated natural law. The tweet used an offensive expletive in connection with the Pope.



Tom Mulcair THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Go f— yourself," he tweeted.

In a tweet to his confirmed followers late Tuesday, Dearn apologized. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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## No asylum in Hungary

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### Migrants find little sympathy for their plight

A makeshift camp of thousands from the Middle East, Asia and Africa has been dismantled at Budapest's Keleti train station, and its inhabitants have left for Germany. But the loathing of them lingers in Hungary, which hopes to build a border fence strong enough to keep out future waves of asylum seekers.

"We need the fence," said Istvan Szabo, a 43-year-old lathe operator having a beer at a bar next to the station, where hundreds seeking refuge in the European Union still line up daily to buy tickets to Western Europe.

The tent city sprang up last month when the government blocked the asylum seekers from travelling by train to Austria and Germany. Authorities finally gave in last weekend and sent buses to take them to the border with Austria. Szabo, like many in this socially conservative land



Thousands of people, such as these at Roszke, Hungary, have continued to cross the border from Serbia over the past few days. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

of 10 million, says he doesn't understand why they've come.

"If they couldn't solve their problems back where they live, why do they think they're going to be able to solve them here?" Szabo said.

Such lack of sympathy is a striking feature of the massive march this summer from Turkey through southeastern Europe.

Many of the trekkers interviewed by The Associated Press say their worst experiences have

come in Hungary, where farmers hiss at them in disapproval and the government leaves their care mostly up to unpaid volunteers.

A recent opinion poll sponsored by the Budapest think-tank Republikon found that

just 19 per cent believe Hungary has a duty to take in refugees, while 66 per cent deem them a threat and should not be let in.

The findings reflect a country where ethnic minorities barely exist outside Budapest and right-wing beliefs dominate in small towns that strongly support the ultranationalist Jobbik party.

"Many Hungarians are racist. They lack self-confidence and see their identity under threat. And our government exploits these feelings to boost its own popularity," said Zsuzsanna Zohar, 36, who has helped lead volunteer efforts to give food, water, medical aid and other help to those passing through Hungary.

"It can be hard to convince Hungarians that these people don't want to take our jobs, our homes, our women, our dogs," she said, laughing at the absurdity of the idea.

"The government says they don't want immigrants here and they can't take our jobs away," said satirist Gergely Kovacs, a 35-year-old graphic designer. "But the truth is that nobody wants to come here."

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### IN BRIEF

#### Camerawoman fired after caught on video tripping, kicking people

A Hungarian camerawoman for an ultranationalist online TV channel has been fired after reporters filmed her kicking and tripping migrants as they fled from police.

Tuesday's footage went viral around the world within hours on social media. The N1TV channel's editor, Szabolcs Kisberk, said employment of the camerawoman, widely identified as Petra Laszlo, had been "terminated with immediate effect."

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#### Denmark-Germany trains halted as refugee-seekers refuse to get off

All train services were halted between Germany and Denmark on Wednesday after Danish police stopped hundreds of migrants arriving by train across the border, Danish railway company DSB said. About 100 migrants who arrived from Germany refused to leave a train in the Danish port city of Roedby.

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### AL-QAIDA

## Book disputes torture charges

Former senior CIA officials instrumental in extracting information from al-Qaida prisoners through what most Americans consider torture have published a book defending their conduct.

The book, titled Rebuttal, takes aim at the Senate intelligence committee report released last year that revealed gruesome details of the once-secret CIA program while portraying it as ineffective, incompetently run and rife with misrepresentations.

The volume features essays from three former CIA directors and other retired senior officials. They argue that the Senate report, written by Democratic staff and opposed by Republicans, significantly distorted reality.

The dispute has current implications, however.

Congress is considering legislation that would ban coercive interrogations. President Barack Obama imposed a ban by executive order, but that could be undone by his successor. The measure has been attached to a defence bill, and has the support of Democrats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### MANSLAUGHTER

## Teen charged with spurring suicide

At first glance, the text messages appear to show a disturbing case of cyberbullying: one teen urging another to kill himself.

But the texts were not sent by a school bully. They were from a 17-year-old girl to her boyfriend, whom she called the love of her life.

"You can't think about it. You just have to do it. You said you were gonna do it. Like I don't get why you aren't," Michelle Carter allegedly wrote to Conrad Roy III the day he parked his truck outside a Fairhaven, Mass., Kmart and killed himself through carbon monoxide poisoning.

Prosecutors have charged Carter with involuntary manslaughter in Roy's 2014 death. They say that in the week before Roy killed himself, Carter assisted by urging him to overcome his doubts about taking his own life, pressuring him to do it and even telling him to get back in his truck after becoming frightened that the plan was working.

Carter's lawyer has strenuously denied that she pushed him to kill himself and has asked a judge to dismiss the case.

In their written response, prosecutors included text exchanges between Carter and Roy they say support their claim that Carter caused her boyfriend's death by



Michelle Carter  
THE NEW BEDFORD STANDARD TIMES  
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"wantonly and recklessly" helping him poison himself.

Roy, 18, had a history of depression and had attempted suicide two years earlier, taking an overdose of the painkiller acetaminophen.

"You can't keep living this way. You just need to do it like you did the last time and not think about it and just do it, babe," Carter texted him.

Carter's lawyer, Joseph Cataldo, said her texts amount to speech protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. He said it's clear from the exchanges that Roy had made up his mind to take his own life and Carter, now 18, did not cause his death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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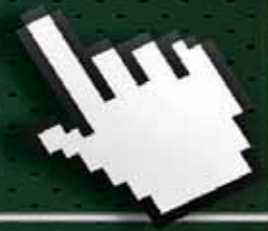
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### TECHNOLOGY

### Apple unveils new TV system, smartphones and iPad Pro

Apple staked a new claim to the living room on Wednesday, as the maker of iPhones and other handheld gadgets unveiled an Internet TV system that's designed as a beachhead for the tech giant's broader ambitions to deliver a wide range of information, games, music and video to the home.

CEO Tim Cook and other executives also showed off two new iPhone models, a plus-sized iPad with detachable keyboard and updated software for the Apple Watch during an exhaustive two-hour event in San Francisco's Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

Apple is counting on sales of the new iPhones to maintain its position as one of the most profitable, and valuable, companies in the world.

But it's the new Apple TV system that some analysts point to as an important step for the



CEO Tim Cook introduces the new iPhone 6s and 6s Plus during a company showcase Wednesday in San Francisco. STEPHEN LAM/GETTY IMAGES

company as Cook attempts to build a business that doesn't rely so heavily on the iPhone.

For now, however, the iPhone is still Apple's most important product. Sales of the iconic smartphone contributed more than two-thirds of the Cupertino, Calif. company's \$107 bil-

lion in revenue during the first half of 2015.

Apple announced Wednesday that it will sell two new iPhone models, dubbed the 6s and 6s Plus, starting Sept. 25. They're roughly the same size and will cost the same as the record-selling 6 and 6 Plus models intro-

duced last year, which will now sell for \$100 less.

The new iPhones will have more memory, faster processors, a new 12 mega-pixel camera, and the new "3D Touch" feature that will be able to distinguish differences in finger pressure on the screen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### TRAVEL

## Albertans fly less due to oil slump: WestJet

WestJet Airlines says fewer Albertans are booking flights because of the oil price slump.

While the Calgary-based carrier said it didn't see any signs of a slowdown in the first quarter, the situation worsened in the seasonally slower second quarter.

"We are seeing some softening in the Alberta market as you would expect with what's gone on with the prolonged oil prices," Bob Cummings, executive vice-president commercial, told a Cowen and Company transportation conference in

Boston.

About a quarter of WestJet's capacity originates from the oil-producing province.

Cummings said that a switch in some traffic from charter carriers to scheduled service has helped to mitigate the situation.

WestJet says it has a 38 per cent market share in Canada, and will try to lure more business travellers by offering a section of its Boeing 737s with an empty middle seat as of Monday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Bank of Canada keeps key interest rate at 0.5 per cent

Household spending and an improving U.S. economy are underpinning the Canadian economy, the Bank of Canada said Wednesday in announcing it will keep its key interest rate on hold at 0.5 per cent. The stand pat decision by the BoC was in line with economists' expectations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### SOCIAL MEDIA

## Instagram video ads extended

Instagram users have already been seeing more advertisements pop up in their feeds of artisanal cocktails, wide-eyed kittens and vacation photos, and now they can expect longer video ads in the mix too.

The Facebook-owned photo-sharing app is adding 30-second

video ads and other features in a push to give businesses more ways to tap the 300 million people who use it at least once a month. Previously, ads on Instagram were 15 seconds long.

Instagram said in a blog post that large and small advertisers will be able to run

campaigns on Instagram starting this month, and ads are now available in more than 30 new countries, including India, South Korea and Mexico. More than 70 per cent of Instagram's users are outside of the U.S.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### RETIREMENT PLANNING

## Canadians' outlook bleak: Survey

A new survey suggests many Canadians are pessimistic about their financial futures and expect to work longer than originally planned before retiring.

According to the survey, released by the Canadian Payroll Association, three-quarters of working Canadians polled reported having put aside less than 25 per cent of the money they expect to need upon retiring.

And it says less than half of people even 50 and older have reached that threshold.

The survey, the association's seventh annual to mark National

Payroll Week, also found that 35 per cent of respondents expect to work longer.

More than one in five employees surveyed said they will need to work four years or more than they originally expected before retiring, citing a lack of sufficient savings as the main reason.

"They are not sounding very promising of what (their) future is going to look like," said association vice-chairwoman Lucy Zambon.

Although about half of workers expect to need more than \$1 million for retirement, 47 per

cent are putting away just five per cent or less of their net pay.

Almost half of Canadians polled said they are living paycheck to paycheck.

The national cross-industry online survey of 3,065 employees was conducted from June 29 to Aug. 7 by Framework Partners. The polling industry's professional body, the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association, says online surveys cannot be assigned a margin of error because they do not randomly sample the population.

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## MAYOR MIKE SAVAGE: WE MUST BE READY FOR REFUGEES



**Canada has a tradition of welcoming those who come with great resources and those who come with little other than the desire to build a better life.**

Last week, an image of a boy's tiny body on a beach brought home to Canadians the tragic and urgent plight of millions of refugees. People being driven from their homelands is not new, but there is no question that today we face a crisis as a tide of refugees from Syria and elsewhere overwhelm neighbouring countries.

To look at the people filling streets and parks in Europe is to see the faces of families not so unlike our own. We cannot fathom the desperate choices they have made, to leave behind their homes and seek asylum and an uncertain future.

Germany's Chancellor, Angela Merkel, has stated her country's intention to accept hundreds of thousands of refugees a year and she has called upon her fellow European Union countries to determine a quota system appropriate to the crisis at hand.

This is a decisive response in the face of a staggeringly difficult issue, one that calls upon each of us to ask, "What should we do? What can I do?"

On Tuesday, Halifax regional council unanimously endorsed a motion to determine the municipal response to settling refugee newcomers and letting

**To look at the people filling streets and parks in Europe is to see the faces of families not so unlike our own.**



**A PLACE TO REST** A toddler, one of hundreds of thousands of Syrians seeking refuge in Europe, is swaddled in a thermal blanket after journeying by dingy from Turkey to Greece. "We cannot fathom the desperate choices they have made," writes Mayor Mike Savage.

PETROS GIANNKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the other levels of government know that we stand ready to help. For its part, the province has made a \$50,000 donation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and said Nova Scotia is open to taking Syrian refugees.

The Immigrant Settlement Association of Nova Scotia moved quickly to position its lean operation to process more refugee sponsorships. On Cape Breton, more than 200 people gathered this week to determine how they can work together to sponsor and welcome more refugees to an island, and a province, that unquestionably needs their numbers and their skills.

But, now, we wait. We wait for Canadian

policy to catch up with the grim reality that fills our television screens and has mobilized Canadians to offer help. We anticipate any sign that our country will undertake the significant efforts needed to address the screening of refugees for entrance into our country.

Canada has a tradition of welcoming the world, those who come with great resources and those who come with little other than the desire to build a better life. How many people in our communities trace their families back to hardship, to countries torn apart by civil war or held in the grip of a totalitarian regime?

Canada was there for Kosovo refugees, for the

Sikhs who came ashore in Shelburne and the Vietnamese boat people. We have found homes for the Lost Boys of Sudan and so many others who risked their lives to run long and far from the place of their birth.

Our country has offered a new start, new freedoms and opportunities. And yet, as of yesterday, only nine Syrian families have made it to Ottawa's approved list for private sponsorship.

It is time to show the world what it means to be Canadian.

**Mike Savage** has been the mayor of Halifax since October 2012. He was the Liberal Member of Parliament for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour from 2004 to 2011.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

### Religious freedoms are not a get-out-of-work-free card

Was it a baptism?

Was it a boxing match? Press conference or religious rite?

By the way they played Eye of the Tiger and held Kim Davis' arms up high as a cross bobbed over the cheering crowd, the way she bent over with tears of ecstasy to be free from jail after refusing to grant gay people marriage licences in Kentucky — I really couldn't tell.

"I just want to give God the glory," Davis said. "We serve a living God who knows exactly where each and every one stands. Keep pressing; don't let down, because He is here. He is worthy."

You might have missed it, but she was really talking about gay rights there.

And as a Catholic, I've gotta say, she's dead wrong.

Religious freedoms aren't a get-out-of-work-free card. Your beliefs don't trump the rights of others.

Davis' job is to uphold the law in the U.S. The law says gay people can marry. That, unfortunately for her, is the end of it.

It's a different story for Charee Stanley, a Muslim woman who won't serve alcohol as a flight attendant because her faith prevents it. Given that some other flight attendant can easily pour the wine, her employer — whom she's now suing after she was suspended — should

be able to accommodate that. Employers, to quote her lawyer, should "provide a safe environment where employees can feel they can practise their religion freely."

What makes the two cases different is that one is about the core function of a job, while the other is not.

One is about "pressing" to shape the world to your faith. The other is about figuring out how to live with your faith in the world.

One is about what others should not have. The other is about what you, as a believer, can reasonably demand.

But more than that, these cases open up the question of how to be around those different from you.

Is your belief meant to guard you like a thick coat from the cold (the non-religious)? Or is your belief a tool to make the world a more loving place?

Do you love God alone, or do you love God everywhere? In everyone?

An obsession over the rules can only blind you to their raison d'être. Faith is not black and white. And it should never be wielded as a weapon.

You can do justice to God by doing justice to your fellow woman. But you cannot remake the world in your own image. If you can't accept that, Davis, find another job.

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## 5 NEW FILMS BASED ON HOT BOOKS

For those who prefer a little CanLit with their popcorn, here are five festival circuit films with local literary ties

**Sue Carter**

For Metro Canada



For hardcore cinephiles, the Toronto International Film Festival marks the end of the summer's superhero season with its promise of future Oscar contenders and more "serious-minded" fare. As always, this year's festival circuit lineup offers plenty of brain candy for readers, with adaptations of novels by Martin Amis (London Fields), Colm Tóibín (Brooklyn), J.G. Ballard (High-Rise) and more. A handful of others have local ties.

**1 Hyena Road** There are few works that have attempted to capture Canadian experiences in Afghanistan, but multitalented actor-writer-director Paul Gross is doing both, by simultaneously releasing print and cinematic versions of his contemporary war story, Hyena Road. Gross, who also stars in the film, interconnects the stories of a Canadian intelligence officer and sniper with that of a Jihadist. Expect this to be a tough watch: Gross followed a similar structure for his 2008 film Passchendaele, which dug deep into the emotional being of those permanently scarred by the bloody First World War battle.

**2 The Martian** This year's outer-space blockbuster stars half of Hollywood, including Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Kate Mara. But it's also a fairy tale story for California debut writer Andy Weir — one with a Canadian twist. Before Random House and director Ridley Scott came a-calling with major book and film deals, respectively, Weir self-published his intergalactic saga, The Martian, on his website, where it was discovered and released as an audiobook by Podium Publishing, a small operation out of Newmarket, Ont.

**3 Al Purdy Was Here** It doesn't get any more Can-Lit than this tribute documentary to the late Al Purdy, who was dubbed the country's "unofficial poet laureate" when he died in 2000. The debut doc by former Maclean's film critic Brian D. Johnson features plenty of archival footage, luminaries such as Irving Layton, Margaret Lawrence and Leonard Cohen, as well as inspired performances by musicians such as Sarah Harmer, Bruce Cockburn and Tanya Tagaq. If you need a primer on the hard-drinking Bukowski-endorsed poet, find a copy of Beyond Remembering: The Collected Poems of Al Purdy.

**4 Room** The premise behind Emma Donoghue's 2010 international bestselling novel, Room, sounds like a sensational tabloid story: a five-year-old boy named Jack is held captive in a single room, innocently unaware there's an outside world, thanks to his fiercely protective mother. Yet, because of Jack's innocent narration and perspective, the book never veers into the horrific. While it's tough to imagine that the film, starring Brie Larson, could as effectively capture Jack's voice or the resilient parental bond, the great news is Donoghue also wrote the screenplay.

**5 This Changes Everything** Arguably one of the most significant books on climate change and corporate responsibility, Naomi Klein's award-winning volume This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Environment gets a documentary treatment by her husband, director Avi Lewis. Shot in nine countries over four years, the companion film focuses on seven stories of inspiring frontline activists who are challenging failing economic models in an effort to radically change their own communities, and in return, the future of the planet.



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# #liveauthentic with Hipster Barbie

## INSTAGRAM

### Sick of all the artful latte shots, photog starts parody account

**Irene Kuan**  
Metro | Canada

The folks at Mattel may want to capitalize on this idea for their next Barbie doll.

A parody account called Sociality Barbie, a.k.a. Hipster Barbie has blown up over the Internet, amassing more than 900K followers on Instagram with her cool style, #liveauthentic nature shots, deep thoughts and perfectly posed photos of latte art, ice cream art and outfits of the day.

The account was created three months ago by a Portland, Oregon-based wedding photographer, who started Instagramming pics of an intricately posed brunette Barbie dressed in the latest hipster-fashion finds. Think Filson backpack, Warby Parker glasses, crochet beanie and a Pendleton blanket.

She's often pictured in front of

scenic nature backdrops, in cafes with a birds-eye view of her latte, and accompanied by a purposely annoying, snide caption.

The creator, who wants to remain anonymous, said she made the account to "show how ridiculous social media has become."

"I was getting tired of seeing people taking the same pictures, in the same places, and using the same captions while hash tagging #liveauthentic," she said.

Hipster Barbie's profile describes her as living "That PNW (Pacific Northwest) Life, and says she is an adventurer and coffee drinker who puts her faith in Jesus."

Barbie's life includes #exploring and #exploringmore, contemplating life through her travels and finding beauty and creativity in every moment of life.

However, if you read her Instagram captions closely, you can tell the account is mocking social-media crazy millennials and their ideas of "deep" thoughts and living that authentic life.

Check out the account. Are you slightly jealous her Instagram pics are so much better than yours?

## WISDOM

She's providing her followers valuable life lessons like Rule 1: 'Gram your coffee or it didn't happen.'



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## GOSSIP BRIEFS



## Sienna Miller's highs and lows

Sienna Miller just needs to vent, OK? The actress and new mom — who recently split from the father of her young daughter, Tom Sturridge — gets refreshingly candid with British Vogue about how taxing it all can be.

"Obviously when you have a baby it's the most incredible experience but your life is also catapulted

into this chaos and you are exhausted. I could literally get on this table and fall asleep," she says. "That's the curse of motherhood—we just run ourselves ragged. I'm just trying to get a sense of what that guilt is. I sometimes feel like it's a totally invented emotion. It's strange to be punishing ourselves this way. It's not healthy."

And as for her feelings on Sturridge? Well, it's not much sunnier — but at least her career is on track. "It's been really quite overwhelming recently, just with the volume of everything going on," she admits. "Everything is shifting. It's actually been the s—t year, and amazing. It's always yin and yang. I feel like if you're excelling in one area, it's hard to manage both and I do feel like the work is going really well."

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## ROMANCE

## Stefani-Shelton hookup?

There's a delightful kind of symmetry in this new gossip item about The Voice hosts Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton possibly becoming an item in the wake of both of their divorces. It's all just so streamlined and convenient. I love it. "They're really into each other. Let's face it, they were both unhappily married when they met," a source tells In Touch. "Now their divorce proceedings are something they can talk about and commiserate over."

And apparently they've been doing more than just commiser-



ating. While it seems mildly terrifying for the singer of No Doubt to be getting down with country star Shelton, apparently he's completely smitten with her. Shelton "is in awe of her career, talent and business savvy," the source explains.

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# Ellen's American Idol stint her 'worst decision'


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Ellen DeGeneres told Howard Stern that she 'hated' her time as a judge on American Idol. GETTY IMAGES

## CONFESSIONS

## Former judge isn't the first to speak ill about time on show

Ned Ehrbar  
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Regrets, Ellen DeGeneres has a few. And chief among them? Agreeing to be a judge on Amer-

ican Idol back in 2010.

"That's one of the worst decisions I've made," DeGeneres tells Howard Stern during an interview, admitting that she "hated" her time on the show.

And she's not the first former judge to speak out about the show.

In May, Mariah Carey admitted during a radio interview that her ten-

ure on the hit reality show was pretty terrible, too. "That was the worst experience of my life," Carey said. "I'm not going to get into what it was, but let's just say I don't think they had any intentions for us to have a good experience doing that show."

Yikes. Good thing it's ending after the upcoming season, yeah? So what is it about the show that made these folks so unhappy? Could it just be that, thanks to the tone set by Simon Cowell, everyone comes away with a tendency toward hyperbole? That's just the worst.

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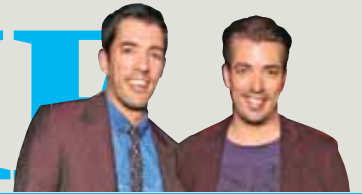


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## What they're asking

This week we picked a selection of three-bedroom resale homes in quiet neighbourhoods, suitable for growing families. These newer homes are located in residential neighbourhoods just outside the city core.

**Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

ASKING PRICES WERE ACCURATE AT TIME OF PUBLISHING.



### \$399,900 Halifax

Here's a custom, two-storey home in the Waverley neighbourhood, located at 62 Willowhill Ridge. The home features soaring ceilings and a wall of corner windows. The main floor provides a formal sitting area with two-sided fireplace, and a modern kitchen with upgraded stainless steel appliances. A large master bedroom has a five-piece ensuite plus a walk-in closet. There's a backyard deck and double garage. The listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo from the Bagogloo Team, Re/Max nova, 902-830-9006.



### \$949,000 Ottawa

For sale is this custom-designed Houry Avedissian executive home built by West Hill Homes, in the Westboro Beach neighbourhood. There's 2,100 sq. ft. of living space, a garage and finished lower level. The open-concept living areas have nine-foot ceilings on the main level, glass staircase and Deslaurier kitchen with quartz countertops. There's a private landscaped outdoor space with deck. Listing agent Kerry Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.



### \$404,900 Winnipeg

Here's a nearly-new, 1,600-sq.-ft., two-storey home ready for possession in the Waverly West neighbourhood. It features an open, bright plan with maple island kitchen and a large dining room with patio doors to future deck. There's a main-floor laundry, oversized master with four-piece ensuite and a large walk-in closet, and landscaped front and back yards. Listing agent David Heinrichs is a sales representative with Royal LePage Dynamic Real Estate, 204-479-9222.



### \$409,900 Calgary

Featured is a detached, two-storey home in the Copperfield neighbourhood. Located across from a playground on a quiet street, the home offers numerous upgrades including hardwood floors, nine-foot ceilings and stainless steel appliances. The main floor offers a spacious great room with gas fireplace, and large kitchen with lots of counter space. The yard is landscaped and fully fenced. Tim Lind is a sales representative for RE/Max Real Estate (Mountain View), 403-333-0837.



### \$1,698,000 Vancouver

For sale is this West Coast contemporary home in Burnaby that offers more than 2,400 sq. ft. of living space, with nine-foot ceilings throughout. Interiors feature custom cabinetry, Italian ceramics and Jenn Air pro series appliances. There's also radiant floor heating on all three levels, a Yamaha sound system and LED lighting. The location is steps to local eateries, cafés, schools and shopping. The listing agent is GianCarlo Cermignara with RE/Max Central, 604-433-2211.



### \$699,000 Toronto

This home is located on a quiet little street in the east end. It's a renovated, three-bedroom house with hardwood floors and pot lights. Extras include a fridge, stove, built-in dishwasher, washer, dryer, all window coverings and natural gas barbecue. The area has great schools and activities for young children. It's a short walk to Woodbine Beach, Kew Gardens and the TTC. Listing agent Ira Jelinek is with Harvey Kalles Real Estate Ltd., 416-464-1022.



### \$567,500 Edmonton

This two-storey home in Lakeland Ridge is located on a quiet street. The main floor is bright and open with large windows, with main-floor laundry and a walk-through pantry. Many upgrades throughout the home include nine-foot ceilings, quartz countertops, appliances, lighting fixtures and window coverings. The backyard has a two-tiered deck, and there's a spacious garage. The home is located near walking trails and schools. Jeremy Amyotte is a sales representative with RE/Max Elite, 780-232-7170.



# Serving you cold beer fast

If you haven't visited the Moosehead Cold Beer Store in Dartmouth yet, you should. It is redefining the way you can buy beer.

Similar to a fast food restaurant drive-thru, customers pull up in their cars to a menu board and place their order at a speaker. Then they pull forward, pay, and a staff member loads the cold beer in their vehicle, all without having to leave the vehicle.

What's really neat is it even could be late on a Sunday. The Cold Beer Store and drive-thru is open every day of the week from 10 a.m. to midnight, and most major holidays.

The Cold Beer Store is also a regular retail store if you want to park your car and shop for beer and beer gear in person.

Moosehead Lager is the most recognized, but there are about a dozen brands in the Moosehead Lager family, including Moosehead Light, Alpine, Moosehead Dry Ice, and Moosehead Premium Dry.

The company also makes a Moose Light Radler, a refreshing blend of 85 per cent light beer and 15 per cent real fruit juice. And it introduced a Moose Light Lemonade Radler this year.

"Craft beer has seen a huge explosion in popularity in recent years," says Chris Hunter, manager of the Moosehead Cold Beer Store.

Moosehead has an excellent selection of craft beer, including its Hop City Brewing portfolio, Barking Squirrel, and Hop Bot IPA.

The Cold Beer Store also carries American-brewed Samuel Adams products, as well as



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Twisted Tea, a malt beverage that tastes like real iced tea.

While there is an array of package sizing available from six-packs to 24s, the Moosehead Cold Beer Store sells single serve cans, too.

Beer drinkers are experimental, says Hunter, and many create their own variety packs. "It's a great way to experience different beers and flavours."

There is also a growler station at the

Moosehead Cold Beer Store. Customers can purchase a 1.89-litre growler glass bottle for \$10 and then have it filled and refilled with a draft beer selection on tap.

"Once you have the growler, you can rinse it out and return it to the store to fill it up again. And, of course, only pay the cost of the beer from then on."

Compared to buying a six-pack, customers can save \$3 to \$4 per fill when purchasing beer with a growler.

Besides all the thirst-quenching beverages, the store carries a wide range of Moosehead branded merchandise, including T-shirts, hats, mugs and sun umbrellas. While they are popular tourist items, they also make great gift ideas for birthdays and other special occasions. If you can't make it to the store, merchandise is available at [mooseheadcountrystore.ca](http://mooseheadcountrystore.ca) and can be shipped to you.

The Cold Beer Store has been open since 1986. It is a retail location only; Moosehead's brewing operations and head office are located in Saint John, N.B.



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## KEEPING IT ALL IN THE FAMILY

Raise a glass to the Oland's.

The family owns Moosehead Breweries Ltd. and has been making beer for 150 years. In fact, Moosehead Breweries Ltd. is the oldest independent brewery in Canada.

Today, Derek Oland is chairman, and his son, Andrew Oland, president and CEO, is the sixth generation of Oland's to head up day-to-day operations.

While the brewery is now in Saint John, N.B., Moosehead Breweries Ltd. has its roots in Halifax since 1867, and continues to have a strong presence in the area.

Back in 1865, John and Susanah Oland sailed to Nova Scotia from England with a family recipe for a lip-smacking brown ale. Within two years they had started a brewery in Halifax that would eventually become Moosehead Breweries Ltd.

Through the years the company survived two fires, including the Halifax Harbour Explosion in 1917, and has been rebuilt and re-housed a few times.

Moosehead Pale Ale was launched in 1931. It was the birth of an icon and the Moosehead Lager brand established the Oland's place in Canadian brewing history.

Moosehead Lager is available in beer and liquor stores across Canada, and in more than 15 countries around the world.

## KEGS OFFER CONVENIENCE, SAVINGS

If you are planning a special occasion or party, buying a keg of beer might be the way to go. The Moosehead Cold Beer Store stocks 50-litre kegs of cold beer, which is equivalent to six 24s of beer and fills about 144 12-ounce glasses.

Depending on the brand you choose, you can save you up to \$70.

A keg makes clean-up easier, too.

Rather than collect all the empties after an event, all you do is return the empty keg to the store. A \$150 refundable deposit is required on the keg and tap rental.

Moosehead Lager is the most popular brand, but several Moosehead beers are available in keg form. Clancy's, Barking Squirrel, Boundary Ale, and Sam Adams Boston Lager are available, too.



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## Huskies ready to turn the page

### AUS FOOTBALL

#### Saint Mary's talks fresh outlook for '15 at media day

**Ben Cousins**  
For Metro

The Saint Mary's University football team is looking for a bounce back season following a year to forget.

Last year, the team went a dismal 0-8, marking the only time the Huskies have gone winless in recorded history.

"Obviously it was tough, a lot of guys were getting down on each other last year," said Jaegar Prot, a second-year receiver for the Huskies.

"We want to put that season behind us and hope for a better season this year."

Saint Mary's has nearly 60 returning players this year, and it's something they are looking to build on.

As head coach Perry Marchese said at Wednesday's AUS football media availability at World Trade and Con-

### + KICKOFF

The Saint Mary's Huskies open the 2015 season at home Friday against the defending champion Mount Allison Mounties. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

tion Centre, "The game experience from last year will be invaluable."

What's more, Prot said the off-season has been promising for himself and his teammates.

During Saint Mary's lone pre-season game against the Acadia Axemen last weekend, a 14-3 win no less, Prot

said the team didn't make some of the same mistakes that plagued them last year. It's a promising sign.

"(We had) great communication, we didn't blow timeouts off bad substitutions," Prot said.

"Everyone's got a good head going into this year."

For Prot, the goal this year is to help Saint Mary's get back to championship status.

"You don't really want to go into a season hoping to win

**"(Last year) I was just a young guy. I was kind of nervous, I was more worried about not making mistakes rather than playing the game of football."**

Saint Mary's receiver Jaegar Prot, who is back for his second season.



Receiver Jaegar Prot said on Wednesday that the Huskies have made progress over the summer.

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one or two games," he said.

The team to beat going into the season appears to be defending Atlantic University Sport champion Mount Allison Mounties, who have 10 of 12 returning defensive starters.

The rest of the four-team league includes Acadia and the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

"They're a fantastic football program and their head coach is a great coach," Acadia head coach Jeff Cummins said of the Mounties.



Coach Perry Marchese, left, speaks on the upcoming season.

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### + HOW TO WATCH

#### Ninety university football games hitting airwaves

There's a new way to watch Atlantic University Sport games this season.

Bell's new community channel, TV1, will broadcast 90 live games and stream 700 more on-line across all university sports in the Maritimes.

A webcast Wednesday launching the 2015 AUS football season marked the inaugural broadcast for the station.

"We now have a relationship that brings us a fairly significant broadcast partnership," said Phil Currie, executive director of the Atlantic University Sport.

The AUS announced the \$1.7-million broadcasting deal in April.

Bell had been streaming AUS sports online since 2012. Eastlink formerly had the television rights.

The new deal allows for live television broadcasts and an expansion of the online games.

"This is a continuation of what we've set out to do," said Currie.

The games can be found on channels 1 and 401 for Bell customers as well as streamed online at bellalliant.ca/tv1.

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### PATRICK KANE

#### NHL taking wait-and-see approach

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says the league will wait for the legal process to play out in the sexual assault investigation involving Patrick Kane before making any decisions about his future.

The Blackhawks star is under investigation by police in Hamburg, N.Y., over an incident that occurred at his house. He has not been charged.

"Obviously when a player is involved in something like Patrick Kane is subject to right

now in terms of the authorities investigating, it's unfortunate, it's a terrible thing, but we're going to have to watch the process play out," Bettman said Tuesday in Toronto.

According to The Associated Press, the Erie County District Attorney has postponed grand jury proceedings into the allegation against Kane. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Patrick Kane

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### IN BRIEF

#### Chiarelli take reins of North American u-23s

After winning gold with Canada at the Sochi Olympics, Peter Chiarelli is now tasked with putting together a team to beat Canada when it matters most at the World Cup of Hockey next year.

Chiarelli and Chicago Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman will manage Team North America, which will include Canadian and American players age 23 and under.

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#### Cardinals rally past Cubs

Matt Carpenter tripled and scored twice and Stephen Piscotty doubled in the winning run Wednesday, leading St. Louis past the Chicago Cubs 4-3 to end the Cardinals' three-game losing streak.

The NL Central leaders scored three times in the eighth inning to avoid their first sweep at home this season and their first against the Cubs since September 2010.

Cubs left-hander Jon Lester left after seven dominant innings.

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### U.S. OPEN

#### Skies open up for Halep in quarters

Simona Halep appreciated the help from the heavens in her U.S. Open quarter-final.

Worn down after dropping the second set to Victoria Azarenka, the second-seeded Romanian got to rest up for nearly an hour-and-a-half when the sky opened up.

"Thanks, God, for raining," she said in an on-court interview after her 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory Wednesday.

Halep, who's just five-foot-six, came back on court with a 106 mph ace to prove just how

fresh she felt. She advanced to face 26th-seeded Flavia Pennetta, who beat two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in another three-set match earlier Wednesday.

The 23-year-old Romanian Halep had 40 winners to 19 unforced errors, while Azarenka had 38 winners to 42 unforced errors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Simona Halep

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# Start of season a relief for Brady



Patriots fans rejoiced when Tom Brady's four-game suspension was overturned last week.

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## NFL

### Super Bowl champ Patriots open campaign vs. Steelers

The New England Patriots' fourth Super Bowl banner will be unveiled at Gillette Stadium on Thursday night.

The fans will have their first chance to shower quarterback Tom Brady with adulation since a federal judge vacated the four-game suspension he was handed in the NFL's botched Deflategate investigation.

Oh, yeah, they'll play an actual football game, too.

Seven months after claiming the franchise's fourth NFL title, the Patriots return to the field for the season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the league's annual kickoff game. Even for a team that's made its reputation on avoiding distractions, the competition will provide a welcome relief from a summer of talk about deflated footballs and the ideal gas law.

"It's time for me to do my job," Brady said this week when

## + SUSPENDED

Steelers All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell and wide receiver Martavis Bryant are among the 26 players who will begin the season on suspension.

Both players violated the league's policy on substance abuse. Bell will miss the first two games, while Bryant has been docked four games.

he spoke to reporters for the first time since the news conference for his third Super Bowl MVP award.

"Anything that's happened over the last seven months really wasn't my job. This is what my job is, is to go out there and try to be a great leader for our team, to try to go out and execute the plays that are called and execute them at a high level. That's where my focus is."

The victory for Brady and the players' union left Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger with mixed emotions.

"I still have a ton of respect for Tom. I think he is the best

in the business. If you want to be the best you have to beat the best," he said. "Yeah, of course one part of you doesn't want him out there because he is the best in the world, but a bigger part of you as a competitor wants him out there because he is the best."

Here are some other things to look for in Thursday night's game:

**BANNER NIGHT:** The Super Bowl banner has already been raised, but it remains covered. The three previous championship banners have been moved, and the Patriots removed the one dedicated to their 16-0 regular season in 2007.

**COMMISSIONER OMISION:** NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, the focus of Patriots fans' anger during the "Deflategate" investigation, will skip the opener.

"He believes that the focus should be on the game on the field and the festivities celebrating the Patriots' Super Bowl championship," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "Goodell has attended the other kickoff games, but does not have a function there that requires him to attend."

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## Manning ready to unveil new offence

Peyton Manning's summer was both dazzling and perplexing.

Practices consisted of sprint-outs, roll-outs and bootlegs from under centre, play-action passes from the pistol formation and scrambles for first downs in defiance of his 39-year-old legs.

Pre-season games were filled with empty backfields and shotgun formations that produced a paucity of points and plenty of angst among Broncos fans and fantasy football owners alike.

Which Manning shows up Sunday is the subject of much debate.

"The last three years he's been here, there were (pre-season) games we didn't score points and we'd come out and score 35, 42 points" in the opener, wide receiver Demaryius Thomas said. "So, I don't know if it's by design or not, but it happens."

If Manning is concerned that he didn't find the end zone in August, he didn't show it Wednesday.

"Hey, I'm looking forward to Sunday and looking forward to seeing how we're going to perform," Manning said. "We've

got some new guys playing and we've got some new things that we're doing and I'm excited to see how we're going to do. I've said all along the key for us is to improve throughout the season, throughout the course of a game."

"Baltimore's an excellent defence. Are you going to dominate all four quarters? I don't think anybody's ever done that against Baltimore, but hopefully you can win enough plays and be efficient enough to win the football game."

Ravens coach John Harbaugh said one of the biggest challenges he's facing this week as he prepares for the opener was figuring out how Broncos coach Gary Kubiak, his former offensive co-ordinator, was adapting his scheme to fit Manning's skills.

"The teams that play him in Week 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 and down the road will have a better feel for that than we will," Harbaugh said. "I'm sure that they didn't show in the pre-season everything that they're planning on doing."

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## IN BRIEF

### Shady 'good enough to go' for Bills in Week 1

Though saying the injury to his left hamstring injury has not entirely healed, running back LeSean McCoy



LeSean McCoy  
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is ready to make his much-anticipated Bills debut in Buffalo's opener against Indianapolis on Sunday. "I'm ready to go," McCoy declared following practice Wednesday. "I'm not sure I'll be exactly 100 per cent. But I feel good enough to go out there and compete."

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### No timetable for return of Giants' Pierre-Paul

Two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul is not ready to play for the New York Giants.

Coach Tom Coughlin announced the decision Wednesday after the team examined the right hand that Pierre-Paul injured in a fireworks accident on the Fourth of July holiday. Coughlin says there is no timetable for his return.

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## ADVERTISING FEATURE

### RENOVATE OR RELOCATE?



When it comes to deciding whether to renovate your home or move to another location, there is a lot of work that goes into making the right decision for your family. You are not alone, it is in fact such a significant decision for many families they have even started shows about it on the various home television networks. There is definitely no easy answer or one size fits all approach, but there are a number of questions to consider, helping you get to your final answer and the best result for your family, lifestyle and budget.

A few questions to ask yourself to help you make your decision include:

- Do I like the neighbourhood where I am currently living or are there amenities that would make it easier to fit my lifestyle – i.e. shopping, transit, schools, parks, hospitals, biking or running trails, sports facilities, restaurants? Will these needs be changing at any point in the future?
- Is my current house large enough to fit my family now/ in the future? Would renovations allow me to expand/alter my living space to meet any changing needs or would a new home allow me to better plan for my family and space requirements?
- What are my plans for the next five years? Is it possible my family will increase either with the addition of children or aging family members? Are your children coming to the age where they will be moving out in the near future?
- After meeting with my financial institution, what budget do I have to work with if I renovate or if I choose to build a new home?

Whether it's a new home or a renovation, there are lots of questions you need to answer before you even decide what the best option is for you and your family. Once you've made that decision, it's just the first step in many that you will be making throughout your new home or renovation journey.

For more information visit [www.nshomebuilders.ca](http://www.nshomebuilders.ca). If renovation plans are part of your future decisions, you will also want to attend the NS Home Builders' Association & Better Business Bureau's Reno & Deck Expo taking place at the Halifax Forum Complex on September 12 & 13.



# Bet on NFL fans to raise stakes

Odds are pretty good that, over the course of this football season, Canadians tuning in to North America's most popular spectator sport will pour more money into wagers — both legal and otherwise — than they have ever before



**Cam Tucker**  
Metro | Vancouver

A pint of beer sits in front of Owen Munro. A man behind the bar flips the channel to the beginning of the Seattle Seahawks' final exhibition tilt.

The National Football League — so popular among sports fans, including those in Canada who place wagers legally through provincial lottery corporations or illegally through bookies and offshore websites — is back.

Munro, 22, has been betting on football from the time he became the legal age to do so. He won his first-ever bet — \$75 from a \$20 wager — and he's been doing it consistently for three NFL seasons ever since.

"It's a lot of fun," Munro tells me. "I wouldn't say an addiction, so much. It's a hobby, I guess."

But for Ryan Boyd and John Makrigiannis, betting on football is more than just a hobby. Their decisions are calculated, their emotional attachment diminished if not completely abandoned.

The duo has gone from merely betting on NFL games to launching their own interactive "fanalytics" website, FootballEngineer.com, which allows subscribers to create player rankings and team projections.

The business of betting on the NFL is big in Canada, even though the league doesn't have a team in this country.

The B.C. Lottery Corporation is predicting that the amount of money legally wagered through the corporation on NFL games this upcoming season will surpass the roughly \$13.9 million



**Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger passes against the Buffalo Bills during a pre-season NFL game on Aug. 29. Gamblers all over North America will be watching closely when the Steelers open their NFL season tonight against the Patriots.**

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in legal bets placed over the last season, according to a spokesperson

And, in Ontario, the business is far bigger. A representative of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation told me that from April 2013 through March 2014, \$82.3 million out of about \$282 million in legal, OLG-administered sports betting was wagered on the NFL.

"It's an ongoing soap opera and it culminates every Sunday," says Randall the Handle, one of Canada's best-known sports prognosticators, who



**I think most people, if they have a choice between doing something legally and doing something illegally ... would usually choose legally.**

Bill Rutsey, CEO, Canadian Gaming Association

has used his pseudonym since the 1980s.

"Football's always been the No. 1 betting sport in North America, but it's grown even more over the last five to 10 years."

Not all bets on the NFL are done legally, however.

The Canadian Gaming Association issued a statement prior to the 2015 Super Bowl, stating it estimated \$150 million would be wagered illegally on the big game in Canada, compared to \$3 billion in legal bets.

Bill Rutsey, CEO of the CGA, points to the fact that single-event betting is against the law in Canada as a key reason why some people opt to throw money down illegally.

In 2011, Joe Comartin, an NDP MP for Ontario's Windsor-Tecumseh riding, introduced Bill C-290, which would do away with the ban on single-event betting.

The bill passed in the House of Commons but has remained in the Senate, virtually untouched since October 2014.

"I think most people, if they have a choice between doing something legally and doing something illegally, I think would usually choose to do something legally," Rutsey says. "I'm not suggesting that every single dollar is going to come from the underground economy to the legal economy, but I would say a great ... proportion of it will."

While betting on the NFL remains popular, fantasy sports pools, particularly in football, have experienced a meteoric rise.

Citing numbers from an Ipsos Public Affairs poll, the Fantasy Sports Trade Association in June reported that there are now more than 56 million people in Canada and the U.S. playing fantasy sports.

The organization touts football as the favourite sport among players, at a 73 per cent participation rate.

Vancouver-based sports marketing guru Tom Mayenknecht said the NFL has been successful in attracting the demographic

of sports fans aged 18 to 34, and called the rise of fantasy sports a "social phenomena."

"What has happened," said Mayenknecht, "is sports betting has been a driver in people having interest in more than just their favourite team."

As for the start of the NFL season, the Green Bay Packers are favoured to win the Super Bowl, according to VegasInsider.com.

Meanwhile, back in Vancouver, Munro has decided to put his money on another team to win Super Bowl 50, placing

## + THE SPREAD

In practice the point spread is simple to understand: if Minnesota is favoured by 7-1/2 over New Orleans, then Vikings supporters must see their team win by eight or more to cash in, while Saints fans are happy if Minnesota wins by seven or less, or if the Saints pull an upset.

The rationale underpinning spreads is a bit more complicated. The essential idea is to account for the relative strength and weakness of teams, so as to produce a matchup in which the two sides are as close as possible to being equally valuable to bettors.

The spread is a cumulative calculation performed by small groups of people for a small group of sports books, explains Randall the Handle, a well-known Canadian sports prognosticator.

"Their objective, of course, is to draw equal activity on both sides of that point spread because they don't want the house to be exposed," he said. "Ideally they want 50-50 on the game and they earn a commission."

a \$10 bet on the Baltimore Ravens, at the 22-1 odds offered by VegasInsider.com.

"They're usually right there with New England and Pittsburgh," Munro says. "So at that odd set ... it seemed like a good bet to make."



**Ryan Boyd, left, and John Makrigiannis have started their own website, FootballEngineer.com, as an interactive tool for football fans to create their own NFL player rankings and team projections.** CAM TUCKER/METRO



**Almost \$14 million in legal bets passed through the B.C. Lottery Corporation over the last NFL season.**

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO



## RECIPE Shrimp Couscous Salad with Chickpeas and Orange Dressing



### EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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#### Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup chicken or fish stock
- 1 cup couscous
- 4 oz cooked, peeled shrimp, chopped
- 1/2 cup drained canned mandarin oranges
- 1/2 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup raisins or dried cranberries
- Dressing
  - 2 Tbsp thawed orange juice concentrate
  - 2 Tbsp lower fat plain yogurt or sour cream
  - 2 tsp olive oil
  - 1 tsp minced garlic
  - 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

#### Directions

1. In a small saucepan, bring stock to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in couscous; cover and let stand for five minutes. Fluff with a fork. Transfer to a large bowl, and cool.
2. Stir shrimp, mandarin oranges, chickpeas, green onions, and raisins into couscous.
3. To make dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together orange juice concentrate, yogurt, olive oil, and garlic. Pour over couscous mixture; toss to coat. Garnish with cilantro.

#### Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 6)

- Calories 208
- Protein 10 g
- Carbohydrates 36 g
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- Saturated fat 0.4 g
- Cholesterol 37 mg
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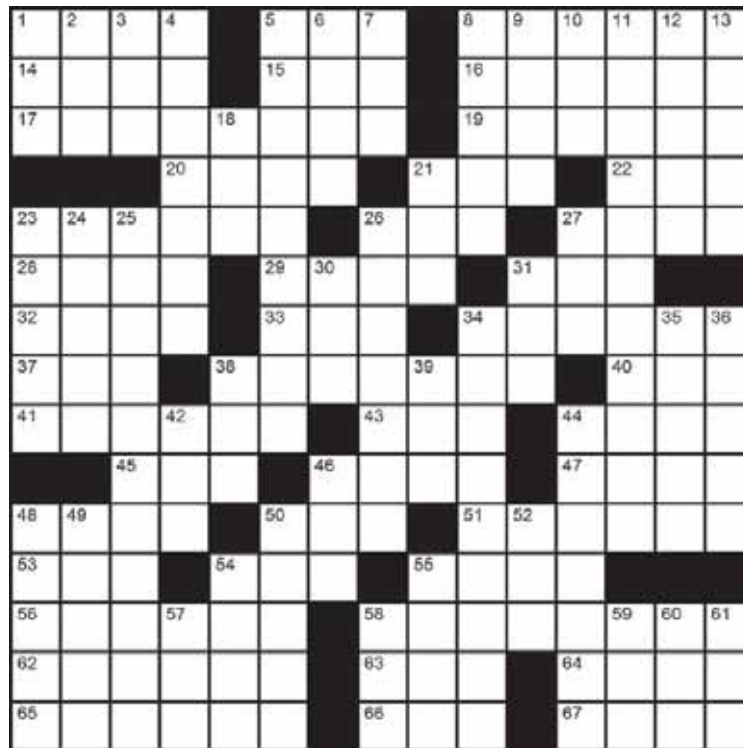
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Gateway
5. Slick
8. "Superman" (1978) star Christopher, and surnamesakes
14. Harp, in Italy
15. Actor's hint
16. Mr. Grenier of "Entourage"
17. Finalist in the current Lay's 'Do us a Flavour!' chips contest: Cowboy \_\_\_\_ (The other three finalists are at #56-Across, #5-Down and #11-Down!)
19. The Marriage of \_\_, by Mozart, 1786
20. Mr. Lugosi
21. \_\_ & \_\_ (Telecommunications company)
22. Novel
23. Like many a climb's direction
26. '\_\_\_' for Labrador
27. Water's whirl-ee
28. Plane reservation
29. Above
31. Baby guitar
32. Mr. Solo of "Star Wars" (1977), and others
33. "K-\_\_\_" (2001) starring Kevin Spacey
34. Ready-made, as some houses
37. Yore
38. "The \_\_\_ Brief" (1993) starring Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington
40. Function
41. Select an audio function
43. Hot beverage holder



44. Gremlins
45. "Rob \_\_\_" (1995)
46. Style
47. Encounter
48. Eve's guy
50. Sweetie
51. Matures, as a mango
53. CFL official
54. Daze
55. Willing's partner

56. As per #17-Across... \_\_\_ Chicken
58. When family sits at the dining room table
62. "\_\_\_ Eleven" (2001)
63. Grampus
64. Russian river
65. Daze
66. Bowl-shaped

- frying pan
67. Search

### DOWN

1. Smidgen
2. Globe
3. Alphabetic trio
4. Hippity-hoppers
5. As per #17-Across... \_\_\_ de Montreal (Montreal Smoked Meat)
6. Roman moon
7. Oui's meaning
8. Castaway getaway-ers
9. Revise
10. Energy unit
11. As per #17-Across... \_\_\_ de Montreal (Montreal Smoked Meat)
12. Dog-\_\_\_

13. Mr. Owl the Canadian bird
18. Snake-looking splasher
21. Televiser
23. One-named male vocalist
24. The Power of Positive Thinking author, Norman Vincent \_\_ (b.1898 - d. 1993)
25. Like many hobbyist projects
26. Vocabulary
27. Just manage, \_\_\_ out
30. Mr. Kilmer
31. Pot
34. "\_\_\_ Writer" by The Beatles
35. Tree beavers like
36. Trumps
38. Jimmy
39. Cow's wad
42. "Papa-\_\_\_-Mow-Mow" by The Livingtons
44. Momentum
46. Be a ham for the cameras
48. Ann \_\_, Michigan
49. Tie score in tennis
50. Western movie animal
52. Unwell
54. "Twin Peaks" actress Sherilyn
55. 'Air'-meaning prefix
57. Universal principle
58. Maintain the lawn
59. Dublin's country [abbr.]
60. Daisy \_\_ (Li'l Abner character)
61. Deer family member

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

### Aries March 21 - April 20

You will be required to put other people's desires ahead of your own. In fact, working with others will be a great deal of fun, both for them and for you.

### Taurus April 21 - May 21

Cosmic activity in your fellow Earth sign of Virgo will make it easy for you to take the risks you dream about but rarely have the nerve to try. Be your own boss and reap the rewards.

### Gemini May 22 - June 21

It will pay to go along with what other people want to do today. The more you bow to their wishes now the more likely they will be to support you later on when you want to do your own thing.

### Cancer June 22 - July 23

You will be inspired to visit new places and try out new things. You may not be the most adventurous of the zodiac but every now and again you go right the other way and make up for it big time. Such a time is now.

### Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

A money-making opportunity will come your way over the next few days but you must act quickly. You can and you must be more adventurous.

### Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Decisions you make on the spur of the moment will work out well but make sure you know your limits. Don't make promises you can't keep. Think of your reputation.

### Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You need to confront and then deal with those nagging doubts and secret fears that have been holding you back. The more anxious you are the harder it is to think clearly.

### Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Any sudden and unexpected changes that take place around the time of Sunday's eclipse are sure to work in your favour. If you want to make a lifestyle change don't hang around and wait for approval.

### Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You need to make more of the skills and talents you were born with. You must be more of a go-getter and self-starter between now and the end of the year. Use your imagination.

### Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You must be free to make your own decisions and to come and go as you please. Anyone who tries to limit you must be told in no uncertain terms to mind their own business — or else!

### Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Face up to what you fear the most. Trying to ignore what scares you won't work, so look it in the eye and refuse to be intimidated. Soon you will realize just how powerless it is.

### Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to take it personally if someone you care for acts coldly towards you. They have some serious issues to deal with, so give them time, give them space, and they will be back to their old selves very soon.

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